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TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. I AM STILL BEING PRESSED BY SADAT TO MAKE BRIEF STOPS IN KUWAIT AND THE GULF STATES WHILE I AM IN THE MIDDLE EAST. OUR SECURITY PEOPLE ARE STILL STRONGLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A VISIT. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR ME TO DO TWO HOUR STOPOVERS AT EACH STOP WITH MEETINGS AT EACH AIRPORT RATHER THAN IN TOWN.
2. TELL COLBY OF THE ABOVE AND SAY WE APPRECIATED HIS LAST ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE GULF. ASK HIM FOR AN URGENT UPDATE OF CIA'S INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY THREATS IN KUWAIT, ABU DHABI, QATAR, BAHRAIN AND OMAN. WHAT IS THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE THREAT IF I CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE MY MEETINGS AT THE VARIOUS AIRPORTS? I NEED THE ASSESSMENT AND THEIR RECOMMENDATION BY 7:00 PM TEL AVIV TIME TUESDAY TO ENABLE ME TO MAKE A RAPID DECISION.
3. WARM REGARDS.

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Immediate

FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER *fil*

Sadat

1. I am still being pressed by ~~the Egyptians~~ to make brief stops in Kuwait and the Gulf States while I am in the Middle East. Our security people are still strongly opposed to such a visit. One possibility would be for me to do two hour stopovers ~~with meetings~~ at each stop with meetings at each airport rather than in town.
2. Tell Colby of the above and say we appreciated his last assessment of the security situation in the Gulf. Ask him for an urgent update of CIA's independent assessment of the security threats in Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. What is their assessment of the threat if I can arrange to have my meetings at the various airports? I need the assessment and their recommendation Tel Aviv time Tuesday by 7:00pm / to enable me to make a rapid decision.
3. Warm regards.

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